

I also welcome the decision of the Tribunal convicting General Radislav Krstic of genocide in the 1995 massacre of Muslims from Srebrenica. I welcome and fully support the Tribunal's judgment. Those who commit war crimes must face justice. As I said in Kosovo, we must not allow difference to be a license to kill and vulnerability an excuse to dominate.

These two important steps advance the cause of justice but also help to consolidate peace and promote rule of law. They bring closer to reality our vision in which the countries of the Balkans are part of a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace.

Statement on Signing the ILSA Extension Act of 2001

August 3, 2001

Today, I have signed into law H.R. 1954, the "ILSA Extension Act of 2001." This Act provides for a 5-year extension of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act (ILSA) with amendments that affect certain of the investment provisions.

I believe that we should review sanctions frequently to assess their effectiveness and continued suitability. A new provision in this bill mandates a report on the impact of certain actions taken pursuant to the Act. I approve of this statutorily mandated requirement to periodically assess the effectiveness of sanctions and to recommend whether the Congress should terminate or modify the Act. The Act also continues the President's power to waive sanctions in the national interest.

My Administration shares the Congress' deep concerns about the objectionable policies and behavior of Iran and Libya. We are addressing these concerns in a number of ways. In particular, we are strengthening our efforts with other countries, whose cooperation is essential to pursuing the most effective approaches to solving the problems of proliferation and terrorism addressed by ILSA.

Libya must address its obligations under U.N. Security Council Resolutions. These relate to the 1988 Lockerbie bombing and require Libya to accept responsibility for the

actions of Libyan officials, disclose all it knows about the bombing, renounce terrorism, and pay appropriate compensation. Cooperative action by Libya on these four issues would make it possible for us to begin to move toward a more constructive relationship.

With respect to Iran, we continue to have serious concerns over its support for terrorism, opposition to the Middle East peace process, and pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. I hope that the Iranian people's recently expressed desire for a freer, more open, and more prosperous society will give our two countries an opportunity to identify areas where our interests converge, and where we can work together constructively for our mutual benefit.

George W. Bush

The White House,
August 3, 2001.

NOTE: H.R. 1954, approved August 3, was assigned Public Law No. 107-24.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 30

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted an "In Performance at the White House" program in the East Room, which was videotaped for television broadcast on September 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Emil H. Frankel to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Read Van de Water to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs.

July 31

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation from the Oval Office with King Abdullah II of Jordan concerning the continued violence in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President attended a Senate Republican Policy Committee luncheon at the Capitol.

In an afternoon ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Serge Mombouli of the Republic of the Congo, Wolfgang Ischinger of Germany, Izben Williams of St. Kitts and Nevis, and Ellsworth I.A. John of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

August 1

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations from the Oval Office with Prime Ministers Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and Bertie Ahern of Ireland concerning the Northern Ireland peace process.

Later, the President had a telephone conversation from the Oval Office with President Fernando de la Rúa of Argentina concerning Argentina's economy.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Arlington, VA, where he attended meetings at the Pentagon concerning Defense Department reviews, and later returned to Washington, DC.

August 2

The President announced his intention to nominate Pamela Hyde Smith to be Ambassador to Moldova.

August 3

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan congratulating the Prime Minister on his upper house electoral victory. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain concerning Argentina's economy.

The White House announced that the President will participate in a Habitat for Humanity building project in Waco, TX, next week.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted July 31

John L. Brownlee,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of 4 years, vice Robert P. Crouch, Jr., resigned.

Brian E. Carlson,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

Paul K. Charlton,
of Arizona, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of 4 years, vice Jose de Jesus Rivera, resigned.

Todd Peterson Graves,
of Missouri, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of 4 years, vice Stephen Lawrence Hill, Jr., resigned.

Michael G. Heavican,
of Nebraska, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of 4 years, vice Thomas Justin Monaghan, resigned.

Bonnie McElveen-Hunter,
of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

William Walter Mercer,
of Montana, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of 4 years, vice Sherry Scheel Matteucci, resigned.

Thomas E. Moss,
of Idaho, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of 4 years, vice Betty Hansen Richardson, resigned.